Fair: westerly winds.

HARRISON'S HAND AT HOME

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18 IT STRONG ENOUGH TO CHECK THE M'KINLEY BOOM?

Likelthood that Indiana's Delegates Will He Instructed for Obto's Malor-Reported Offers from New York to Combine on the Ex-President-For Sound Money.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 4.—The clans are assembling rapidly for Thursday's Republican Convention, despite the fact that local elections will be held in several cities to morrow for Mayors and Councilmen. The interest in the convention is such as to overwhelm any felt in the local contests. The elections, however, are keeping some of the delegates at home, but

the last will come to-morrow.

As tar as can be judged from the sentiments ext ressed by delegates and conspicuous Republicans now in the city, the drift toward McKinley is stronger than ever and the delegates at large probably will be instructed for him. A mass meeting has been arranged for to-morrow evening, at which Congressman Mason of Chieago, Gen. Lew Wallace, and other McKinley men will speak. This meeting is expected to show a state of feeling that will force the convention to instruct the delegates. The friends of ex-President Harrison still insist that instructions be not demanded, but it seems a foregone conclusion that no compromise will be effected and that the convention will go the way of the McKinleyites.

One is at sea regarding the Governorship. It seems to be the field against ex-Congressman Doxey of Anderson, all of his opponents feeling that he has violated party laws in invading their home counties and trying to get support of the delegates when the names of the local candidates are withdrawn. He established a bureau six months ago, and has been in correspondence with Republicans in all parts o the State, and in many instances has invaded the homes of relatives of other candidates. His action in this regard has swakened bitter opposition, and efforts are making to organize a combine against nim. It is reported that he has sent his men into this county and has tampered with the negro The colored men are putting up can-

wote. The colored men are putting up candidates for delegates in all the wards of the city, and demanding representation on the delegations. It is said that their fifty delegates will be as a unit for boxey.

Another complication is a fight between Attorney-General Ketcham and John L. Griffiths, both of, this city. Griffiths's friends have promised to vote for Gen. Lovett of Madison county for Attorney-General if Griffiths is nominated for Governer; this would bring a new candidate into the field, the nomination for Attorney-General having been conceded Attorney General having been conceded Ketcham in case this county should not

to Ketcham in case this county should not secure the Governorship.

The utterances of ex-President Harrison retarding the platform's money and tariff planks are causing a good deal of comment among the delegates, and there are some who differ from him radically on both questions. There is a very pronounced but by no means dominant sentiment among the delegates in favor of bimetallism and some of them hoped that the platform would declare in favor of the coinage of both metals. Again, there are some who believe that the party should make its protection plank stronger than ever before and attempt to make this the issue between the two parties. The ex-President differs from them in both instances.

It is said by the party leaders that his views will be conformed to. One of the men who submitted the draft of the platform to him said to-day:

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submitted the draft of the plaftorm to him said to-day:
"Gen. Harrison believes that the battle between the two parties is to be fought on the issue involved in the ceinage of the two metals, and he is very pronounced in his desire that the Indiana Republicans should declare unequivocally in favor of the single gold standard. On the other hand, he does not think that the tariff will cut any figure in the national contest, and certainly none in the State campaign. For these reasons he wants the party to be pronounced on what is to be the issue and simply to reaffirm its devotion to protection."

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Several men called upon Gen, Harrison to-day and asked him to make a speech before the Convention. He neither declined nor accepted the invitation, but said that he would take the matter into consideration. The opponents of the instruction plan want bim present, because it is known that he is opposed to instructions, and they hope that his presence would restrain the zealous friends of McKinley.

The McKinley men, however, declare that nothing will prevent them from forcing the fight and that it was this fact that caused Har. How Thomas C. Fratt. Fifth stream Hotel, New York fight and that it was this fact that caused Har. Kinley; if so, I cannot condenn to strongly suc

nothing will prevent them from forcing the fight and that it was this fact that caused Harrison to hesitate about being present.

It is reported that the anti-McKinley peoule will present an interesting question to the McKinley boomers before the Convention, so as to stop all talk of instructions. One of Gen. Harrison's friends is said to have letters from New York politicians in which it is declared that they will drop Morton and support Harrison on the first ballotat St. Louis if he can secure the thirty votes of Indiana at the same time. The Harrison men will not say who has the letters or whom the letters are from, but they affirm positively that New York stands ready to support Harrison if Indiana will do the same.

The McKinley men laugh at the suggestion and say that Platt is playing some of his old tricks, and they are not to be taken in by such a game. It is conceded on all sides that the very pronounced views of Gen. Harrison as to the financial policy of the party will result in making the Convention's stitude a firm one and his sentiments will have a marked effect upon the national party. The gold standard Republicans say that the Convention, if dominated by the gold element, cannot nominate McKinley, and if that cannot be done. Harrison

pated by the gold element, cannot nominate McKinley, and if that cannot be done, Harrison will be the nominee. HARRISON NOT TO RUN.

Se Says John W. Foster-Cullom Explains His Defeat.

WASHINGTON, May 4 .- If there is one man in the country who knows ex-President Har! on well, that man is John W. Foster of Indiana, who was Secretary of State in his Cabinet. He returned here yesterday from Indiana, and he has no hesitation in saying that in his opinion at the State Convention to be held at Indianapolis next Thursday the delegates at large will be instructed for Mc-Kinley. When asked whether Gen. Harrison is entirely and permanently out of the race, Mr. Foster said:

what he said. The Republicans of Indiana. as well as those in other parts of the country, took him at his word. They do not consider him in connection with the Presidency. It is a reflection upon him to suggest that his letter is insincere."

Gen. Foster added that the Indiana Convention will declare emphatically against the

Senator Cullom returned to Washington today, and was made the subject of numerous day, and was made the subject of numerous good-natured "congratulations" by his colleagues and others on the result of his attempt to get the endorsement of the lillings attempt to get the endorsement of the lillings are supported by any support took all the charting good-naturedly, and says that he knew all the time that he would be beaten. He was sensible of the overwhelming sentiment of the sitate in favor of McKinley, he says, and long ago desired to withdraw from the contest, but remained in it at the carnest soliditation of his remained in it at the carnest soliditation of his friends, who thought that with him as a candidate thay would win the day. The Senator is therefore not greatly disappointed, and thinks that his political record will eventually recover from the effects of the blow. Mr. Cullom also said this to a few of his intimate friends:

"You fellows can have all the fun with me

"You fellows can have all the fun with me you want, and if you would like to know just exactly what has happened to me you go out on your front steps test winter during a bile-gard and ask the wind to stop blowing. The people of this country have already selected the next President, and nothing will prevent his nomination and election. I have found that out during the last week to my entire ratisfaction. Nearly every vote I got in the Springfield Convention was cast as a personal compliment, and if I had not gone out there myself I don't believe I would have received any votes at all."

Peterson and his brother Carl were working alongside of each other when the accident necurred. Edward, as he was stepping from one iron learn to another, missed his feeting and plut ged head first through the opening between time and place for the holding of the State Convention to select delegates to the National Convention. The notices to the various members of the committee were mailed from this city less lying.

BULKELEY'S VISIT 10 M'KINLEY.

Does It Concern a Trade of Connecticut

Votes for Second Place on the Ticket ! HARTFORD, Conn., May 4.-Politicians here speculate without ceasing as to the present purpose of ex-Goy. Morgan G. Buckley, who left Hartford at 2 o'clock yesterday morning on a special trip to Ohio to have a conference with McKinley, Friends of Bulkeley say that his trip was made in response to the telegraphed request of the Ohio candidate. and that he is looking for the Republican nomination for Vice-President at St. Louis.

Bulkeley is on the best terms with McKinley, socially and politically, and the gossip to-day is that the bait of second place on the ticket is being held out to him in exchange for Connecticut's vote at the Convention. It was only last Friday that the Connecticut delegates met and elected Bulkeley Chairman of the delegation, Bulkeley was Chairman of the delegation which went to Minneapolis in 1802, being the only one of the delegates re-

the delegation which went to Minneapolis in 1892, being the only one of the delegates reelected.

The probability that the Connecticut delegation will vote as a unit on the first ballot for
Heed remains as strong as ever. But this vote
will be purely complimentary, for the real preference of the delegation is for McKinley in the
ratio of eight to four. Had a McKinley revolution been sprung at the State Convention a
majority of the delegates undoubtedly would
have voted for P. The story why the resolution was not presented has just leaked out.
John Addison Porter had a McKinley resolution in his pocket when he beard that Herbert
E. Benton would introduce a Ri-ed resolution.
Porter thereupon had a talk with Benton and
asked him if he intended to present a resolution to the Convention to endorse Reed.

"Idid," replied Mr. Penton.

"If you do I'll present this substitute resolution naming McKinley," replied Mr. Porter,
pulling a resolution out of his pocket.

"Now, John, there is no re-son why you and
I should have a fuss over this. You are for McKinley and I am for Reed. I think the Convention would favor Reed and you think it leans
toward McKinley. Now, why not let the whole
matter drop? If you agree not to present McKinley's name, I agree not to present McKinley and I sin for Reed. Think the Conventuation was nothing more than a biuff, and the
McKinley leaders have been sour tempered ever
since the Convention on account of their timidity.

RRADLEY RATS TO M'KINLEY.

BRADLEY RATS TO M'KINLEY. Odell, His Colleague as Delegate to St.

Louis, Surprised and Mortified, Secretary Wilbur F. Wakeman of the Ameri-

can Protective Tariff League, of which Gov. Morton is a member, said last night at the Fifth Avenue Hotel that he had spent Sunday with Thomas W. Bradley of Orange county. Mr. Wakeman handed out the following typewritten copy of what, he says, he learned on Sunday:

"It will be remembered that Mr. Bradley was elected a delegate to the Republican National Convention from the Seventeenth New York Congress district without instructions, and upon this subject Mr. Bradley said:

"'No additional honor can now come to Levi P. Morton through a continuance of his Presidential candidacy. The duty of the hour is a prompt and hearty recognition of the great

dential candidacy. The duty of the hour is a prompt and hearty recognition of the great majority sentiment within our party that would nominate McKinley by acclamation. With all the respect and regard for Gov. Morton that held me to his support while a reasonable chance for his nomination existed, I shall now heed the general desire of the business men in my section and vote for Major McKinley on the first ballot."

"Have you any objection to this being generally known?" asked.

"Certainly not, replied Col. Bradley, and the sooner it is known and the more generally known the better it will suit me. I repeat, I am for McKinley on the first ballot. He is the choice of the great majority of the Republicans of the country.

The other delegate from the Seventeenth district is Representative Henjamin R. Odell, Jr., Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Republican State Committee, Chairman Hackett of the State Committee said:

"Hefore Mr. Bradley was elected a national delegate from the Seventeenth district Mr. Odell made the most positive pledges that Mr. Bradley was for Gov. Morton and that he would remain loyal to Gov. Morton with the majority of the New York State delegation to the end. Mr. Odell's district is a solid regular-organization district, and Mr. Bradley could not have been elected a delegate to St. Louis unless he had made these pledges through Mr. Odell that he was loyal to Gov. Morton's candidacy."

A despatch was quickly sent to Representative Odell in Washington, and within an hour the following was received:

Rinley, if so, I cannot condemn for strongly such action, and have so said in an interview here to night. I am both surprised and mortified, but remain with you and the organization to the end, and you are authorized to so quote me. Have wired Bradley, R. R. COELL, Jr. R. R. COELL, Jr.

Secretary Waxeman is a warm personal friend of Major McKinley. He is heart and soul for McKinley's nomination.

KINGS COUNTY AND ST. LOUIS.

The Delegates Will Confer To-night-A Banquet for Mr. Saxton. The conference of the ten Kings county dise-

gates to the St. Louis Convention, which was to have taken place last night at the Union League Club in Brooklyn, was postponed until to-night. It has been announced that the conference is intended solely to complete the arrangements for the trip to St. Louis and the hotel accommoda tions there, but if some of the delegates have

tions there, but if some of the delegates have their way there may be an expression of opinion on the Presidential candidates.

A couple of them who have been caught in the McKinley wave are anxious not to let Mr. John Fitchie carry off all the glory of working up the beom for the Ohio man in Kings county. Should the delegates get warmed up to-night in a discussion of their preferences it will be seen that Kings county, as usual, is badly divided.

Register Granville W. Harman, who is credited with being for Allison, said: "As I understand the matter we are simply to meet for business, but if any delegate dealres to express his individual sentiments he is at perfect liberty to do so." It is said that a crowd of McKinley boomers will be on hand in the club to await develop-

ments.

The banquet which has been tendered to the banquet which has been tendered to Lieutenant-Governor Saxton with a view to further his ambition for higher political honors—the Governorship or the Vice-Presidency—is to be a very select affair. Senator Brush is to be the host, and the festivities will take place on Friday evening in a private dining room in the Union League club. The invitations have been limited to a dozen statesmen who are known to be ardent admirers of Mr. baxton.

PESSENDEN DOUBTS GROSVENOR

Talks of Binf and Brag and Inaccurate Estimates of Mckinley's Strength. New Haven, May 4 .- The Hon, Samuel Feasenden, a member of the National Republican Committee and a delegate at large from Connecticut to the St. Louis Convention, arrived here late this afternoon. He said:

"If all the estimates given by Congressman Grosvenor in his statement of Gov. McKinley's canvass, which appeared in this morning's pa-pers, are as inaccurate as the estimate given for Connecticut, and from what I know of the situ Connecticat, and from what I show of the atta-ation they manifestly are, no reliance whatever can be placed upon them. If, as tien, Grosvenor claims, McKinley will be nominated on the first ballor, why all this bluff? Mr. Fessender added significantly. Hrag is a good dog, but Hald Fart better.

BRIDGE RIGGER RADLY INJURED He Fell to the Asphalt Pavement from a Height of Thirty Feet.

Edward Peterson, foreman of the riggers emplayed on the New York terminal of the Brooklyn Bridge, fell yesterday morning from an iron beam to the asphalt pavement below, a distance of thirty feet, and was perhaps fatally injured. He was removed first to Hudson Street Hospital and thence, at his own request, to Brooklyn City Hospital.

Peterson and his brother Carl were working

CRASHED DOWN TO DEATH.

FIFTEEN DEAD, AND PERHAPS 40, IN THE RUIN OF A BUILDING.

Explosion of a Gasottee Tank in a Cincinnatl Fiat House and the Complete Wrecking of the Structure-One Hundred Persons Injured-Digging Out the Bodles,

CINCINNATI, May 4. - A five-story brick buildng on the east side of Walnut street, just south of Fifth, collapsed this evening. How many of the inmates were buried in the ruins and killed cannot be told until the wreckage shall be cleared away. Some place the number of dead as high as forty, others as low as fifteen, The lower floor of the building was occupied

by Drach's saloon. The upper apartments were rented out to lodgers. No one knows what caused the collapse of the building. It is known only that people for several blocks

around were startled by a terrific explosion at about 7:45 o'clock. A fire alarm was turned in and in a few mo ments half the fire department were on the scene. One force of men took the front, and a

second took the rear, and both began at once

the work of rescue. The back of the building was on an alley. The first person who appeared upon the scene entered the alley and came up to the ruined rear wall of the building, where the cries and moans of women were the only indication of life beneath the These cries came from the cellar. It seems utterly impossible that any persons on he other floors could have escaped death.

Besides the victims who are buried beneath the building it is estimated that fully 100 perons have been more or less injured by the concussion, falling electric wires, and fragments of shattered giass, stone, and timbers. Twenty of those injured in the streets were

taken to the Gibson House, just across the way, and their wounds were dressed. Among these was Chief of Police Joseph Pugh of Covington, He was just in the act of entering the saloon

in fact had one foot upon the door sill, when he was startled by the flash of a burning electric wire overhead. He sprang backward, and almost at the same

moment the explosion occurred. He felt the ground slip away, and he was blown almost into the middle of the street. Three persons, whose names cannot be

learned, were injured slightly in a passing street car, and several women in another car were prostrated by the shock.

A Newport, Ky., car, which was near the place of the explosion, had a remarkable experience. It was brought suddenly to a stand-

still by the shock and a great mass of fron crashed through the roof. This proved upon examination to be an iron door from the cellar of the building, which had been blown through the falling debris and up

into the air. John Nelbel of this city had just left the spot where it fell and walked to the rear platform. No one in the car was hurt. A Brown street car was smashed almost into

fragments. There were no passengers on board, and the conductor and motorman escaped with slight injuries. The explosion was caused by the ignition of a gasoline tank. Adolph Drach, proprietor of a end of the long drought that has done great

saloon on the lower floor, had recently placed a gasoline engine in his cellar for the purpose of generating his own gasoline fuel. Rest authorities agree that the commutator of the engine had burned out, setting fire to the

tank. The building was seen to shake for an instant and then cave in. An instant later only a mass of ruins remained. The walls of the buildings adjoining on each side remained intact. The streets all around the block are covered with pleces of glass. It is

the throng of excited thousands gathered about the place as late as midnight. Hundreds of anxious inquiries keep the tele phones in the vicinity busy, and the hospitals and morgue were besieged with callers, eager to ascertain the identity of the dead and dying.

been taken from the ruins.

At 11 o'clock this evening seven bodies had ilar to to-day's ceremony has been seen in Ma-deen taken from the ruins.

A WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH.

Gas Stove Fired a Curtain and the Cur tain Her Gown.

Mrs. A. L. Gladstone, whose husband is a life insurance agent, was fatally burned yesterday afternoon in her apartments in the Hotel St. George. She had been ironing a piece of lace with which she intended to trim a summer dress and was exhibiting it to Miss Hattie Car penter, another boarder in the hotel, when the lace window curtain, blown by the wind, tool fire from a small gas stove on which she had heated the irons. Miss Carpenter first noticed the flames and screamed "The curtain's afire!" Mrs. Gladstone rushed to the window and suc

ceeded in extinguishing the fire in the curtain. but while she was doing this the light house wrap she were became ignited.

"Oh, Hattle, my dress is after; please get me something, quick!" she called to her visitor.

Miss Carpenter grabbed the first thing at hand, which was a large cotton number, and, running to Mra. Gladstone, wrapped it tightly about her shoulders.

hand, which was a large cotton manner, and, running to Mrs. Gladstone, wrapped it tightly about her shoulders.

Hy that time Mrs. Gladstone's underclothing was aftre and the muffler was of no use. Desping to the floor. Mrs. Gladstone directed Miss Carpenter to roll her about. Miss Carpenter is quite delicate, and her strength was unequal to the task. She summoned her mother and Mrs. J. S. Churchill, wife of the landlord, who brought with them pitchers of water.

Mrs. Gladstone, meanwhile, had ran into the hall. C. E. Dodd of Williamsport, Pa., who was passing through the hall, got a blanket and threw it about the woman. While he was rolling her on the floor the others came and extinguished the flames with the water.

Nearly every shred of Mrs. Gladstone's clothing had been consumed by the fire by that time, and she was more or less burned from head to foot. She was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, where she died at 11 o'clock last night. She was 2d years old. She was married two years ago.

GOO GOO TIMED THE PEDDLER. Kohn, He Says, Was Arrested in Three

Minutes-Cop Says Thirteen. Julius Blumberg, a stationer, of 253 Broadway, who is a Good Government Club man, flatly contradicted the sworn testimony of Policeman Murphy of the Mercer street station vesterday morning when Murphy charged Gabriel Kohn in Jefferson Market Court with standing longer than ten minutes in one spot while selling toys out of a basket. Kohn, who is a consumptive, was arrested on Fourteenth street. Murphy swore that he had timed him for thirteen minutes, and then arrested him for

violating a city ordinance. When Kohn was asked what he had to say he denied that he had been standing in one spot for ten minutes. He said that the police were persecuting him. He was arrested last Thursday for a similar offence, but was discharged in As Kohn finished his story Blumberg stepped

As Kohn finished his story Blumberg stepped forward and said:

"Your Hober, I have carefully investigated this man's case and think his frequent arrest is uncalled for. He has consumption, and never makes more than \$1 a week. He 'old me that he was arrested without cause, and this morning i decided to see for myself it his story was true. I went with him to Fourteenth street, and the minute he set his basket down on one aids of the street, I stood on the other side and began to time him. He was there less than three minutes when he was arrested."

"What have you got to say to that?" asked Magistrate Mott, turning to the pollceman.

"Nothing only I limed him, and he was there thirteen minutes," answered Murphy.

"The urisoner is discharged," said the Biggistrate.

trate.

Riumberg made a note of Murphy's name and number, and said he would prefer charges against him. Hedges Wheels the Adipose Away.

ADIGRAT RELIEVED

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The Italian Garrison There Is Rescue-

Rome, May 4. The Government has received information that Gen. Baldissera, commanding the Italian forces in Abyssinia, at the head of three columns of troops marching to the relief of the Italian troops at Adigrat, met and defeated a large force of Abyssinians under Ras Sebath, Gen. Baldissers is expected to reach Adigrat to-day.

HOME. May 4.- A despatch from Massowah says that Gen. Baldissera has relieved Adigrat, which has been besieged for a considerable time by the forces of King Menelek.

Adigrat is the fortified town in the province of Tigre, northern Abyssinia, from which a large force of Italians under Gen. Baratieri advanced west, in March last, when they were so terribly defeated just north of Adua. All that scaped from the Abyssinians fled north, and the carrison at Adigrat was left to its fate.

Since then the two sources of greatest imme-diate anxiety in Italy have been the questions of the besieged garrison at Adigrat, and of the large number of prisoners who fell into the hands of King Menelek at the battle of Adua. According to the best information the Adigrat garrison numbered about 2,000 men, and since the Adua defeat the town has been closely invested by about 20,000 Abyssinians, so that escape in any direction was cut off.

As soon as Gen. Baldissers took command h egan to prepare to advance to the relief of the imprisoned force. It was slow work, for every part of the army service, including the commis-sary and transportation departments, were in a horoughly demoralized condition. His careful preparations, however, have resulted, accordng to the above despatch, in the first important defeat the Abyssinians have sustained, and in he relief of the garrison. King Menelek and four-fifths of his force are

ot now in northern Abyssinia. They have gone south for the impending rainy season, when no military operations can be carried on; and it was imperative that they go south, for Menelek has almost no system for transporting supplies. He could not support his army of 100,000 men during the bad season on the resources of Tigre alone; and so, as soon as the season's campaign seemed practically over, he started south with the greater part of his army to spend the rainy months.

The second great source of anxiety still re-mains. Menelek has taken away with him the Italian prisoners. They are said to number about 3,000 souls, and they are buried from view somewhere in the central or southern par of Menelek's dominions. No one knows how

Meanwhile huts of wood are building for the talian soldiers, as they cannot live under canvas during the bad season. Italy having declined to accept the terms of peace offered by King Menelek, Gen. Baldissera undoubtedly hopes to reopen the campaign vigorously as soon as the rains have ceased.

APPEALING TO A SAINT.

800 Priests Carry the Remaiss of a Thirteenth Century Saint Through Madrid. Madeir, May 4. - This city was the scene today of an imposing religious ceremony, the ob-ject of which was to procure the intercession of St. Isidro, the patron saint of Madrid, who lived In the thirteenth century, to bring about the

damage throughout the country, and also to effect the suppression of the Cuban rebellio The remains of the saint, enclosed in a silver coffin, were carried through the streets escorted by 800 priests, thousands of members of religious congregations, and the civil and military officials. All carried lighted tapers, and the scene was most impressive, even to those who had no faith in the efficacy of the ceremony. There were a great number of choristers, who

chanted litanies as the procession moved slowly almost impossible to push one's way through through the principal streets of the capital. The route was lined with thousands of people who knelt as the remains of the saint were borne past them. The houses were decorated in honor of the occasion, and an enormous quantity of flowers were thrown from the balconies into the path of the procession. Nothing sim-

Services will be held for nine days in the cathedral, their object being the same as that of to-day's procession. The Queen Regent and other members of the royal family and the Min-

Similar functions have been or will be held in

all the towns of the country. LA GRANGE AND FORD TO GO. If They Don't Resign There Will Be Some

Charges and Specifications, If President La Grange and Commissioner Ford of the Fire Department do not resign soon, Mayor Strong is likely to try them on charges and specifications and remove them. The Mayor has been collecting material for use against these officials in case they do not resign. The information has been put in the hands of Corporation Counsel Scott, who has been charged with the duty of formulating the charges and specifications if the Mayor shall be forced to

resort to extreme measures.

THE SUN has mentioned the "impending crisis" before, and Gen. La Grange referred bit terly to the situation in a speech before the Mayor the other day, when he talked of being whispered out of office at the City Hall" and

equibbed out of office by the newspapers." Just what the specific charges will be if it be-comes necessary to serve them, it is a difficult matter to learn, for neither the Mayor nor the Corporation Counsel will talk about the matter. It is known, though, that the Mayor fears that It is known, though, that the Mayor fears that the situation in the Board is likely to be de-structive of the discpline and efficiency of the uniformed force. He sides with Commissioner, Sheffield, the minority Commissioner, Commis-sioner Sheffield has frequently saved the de-partment from pretty sharp criticism by Comp-troller Fitch, and it is hinted that matters which have come to the attention of the Comptroller's auditing officers may furnish the basis for some of the charges.

auditing officers may furnish the charges.
Should Gen. La Grange be put on trial for his place, it will not be his first experience of the sort. He was investigated when he was superintendent of the San Francisco munt, and was supersected by a member of the Commission which investigated him.

MADE A NOISE LIKE A BLAST. A Copper Tank Yanked from the Roof of a Building Bown Town.

The explosion of the Norcross bomb in Russell Sage's office was brought to the minds of the bankers and brokers with offices near the New York Stock Exchange yesterday. Danger signs were planted on New street, just below the entrance of the Exchange, about half-past 12, and men stationed in the street to warn passers by. These precautions were taken because work-men were preparing to let down from the roof of the six-story building at 18 New street, about to be abulished, a large copper water tank. A crosed collected, of course, as soon as the end of the tank appeared over the coping of the roof, and by the time it had been pushed far enough to tremble on the edge the members of the Board had heard of what was going on, and came out

In droves to watch it.

The final yank was given at last, and over it came. There was a rope around it that swung it once against the fire occase and side of the house and then gave away. The tank turned a complete somerasult, and landed on its hottom with a noise like the explosion of a blast. As the crowd melied away, one man said that as it was against the law the workmen could not have intended to pitch the tank over that way, but that he wondered why so small a rope had been used.

Bied in a Trolley Car. Eather Gorey, aged 60 years, an inmate of the

Faith Home, in Park place, Brooklyn, died sud-Mayor's Secretary Job E. Hedges has taken to bicycling. He was getting fat, and he didn't want to get fat.

KILLED BRIDE AND BABY. THEN, WHEN HUNTED DOWN BY

POSSE, SHOT HIMSELF. His Purpose to Kill Another Thwarted Almost at the Point of Execution - Terrible Ending of an Unbuppy Marriage in a Little Connecticut Village,

HARTFORD, Conn., May 4 .- Edward Plant, 24 years old, of Cansan, shot and killed his wife to-day, stabbed his child to death, and then shot himself dead. When he turned the revolver on himself he was surrounded by a large crowd of officers and citizens who had turned out to hunt him down.

The first part of the tragedy took place in that section of Canaan adjoining the town of Clavton, which is over the line in Massachusetts. Plant's house is only four rods this side of the State line, and most of the people in the neighborhood work in the Clayton brick works. Plant's father is a superintendent of the works and Plant was employed there until he was married, three weeks ago. Since then he done no work. Domestic trouble is the only reason that can be found for the man's deeds. On last April 16 he married Ada Sanford, 21 years old. On the day of their marriage a baby

was born. They had frequent quarrels.

The discovery of the double murder was made by a neighbor, Mrs. Mosier, who had been with Plant and his wife up to 10 o'clock, when she went to her own home to get a shawl. When she returned, a few minutes later, the murders had been committed. In one room, on her back on the floor, lay Mrs. Plant, with three bullet holes in her head. From her body ran streams of blood. She had been killed In the next room the threeweeks-old haby lay in its crib as if asleep. Mrs. Mosier pulled back the blanket and found the clothes soaked with blood that had poured from four stab wounds that extended completely through the body. The wounds had been made with a dirk knife with a blade six inches long. and at each stab the point of the knife had pierced the bedding under the child's body. No trace, except his bloody work, was left behind by Plant, and Mrs. Mosier ran and alarmed the

After committing the murders Plant walked calmly through the village to the brick work and inquired:

"Is Harry Lyles here?" He was a little excited, and the clerk, becoming suspicious, asked: Why, what do you want of him."

"Oh, nothing," replied Plant, "only I've got a little cold lead for him."

Plant was told that he had better get out. He had not been gone more than ten minutes when the news of the murder reached the works. The general conclusion at once was that Plant intended to shoot Lyles, who, he believed, was instrumental in instituting the proceedings which forced Plant's marriage. Plant disappeared after leaving the brick works, but a posse soon was organized to hunt him down. Messages were telephoned to all the neighboring villages, and soon there was a formidable force of officers on the spot. There were Constable Henry Drake of Canaan Deputy Sheriff Vandusen of Canaan, Deputy Sheriff Cropper of Ashley Falls, Mass., and two other Berkshire county constables named Norton and Dudley. Meanwhile the news had spread rapidly, and every man and boy for miles around, armed with every kind of in plement, from a barrel stave to a shotgun, had

gathered about the brick works. It was the hour for dinner, but no one knew The posse of several hundred set out in pur suit of the murderer. He was tracked to a path of woods half a mile from the village, and was seen flourishing his revolver and threatening to shoot any one who approached. The party, at first held at bay for some time by his threats. began eventually to surround the thicket. Upon divining their purpose, Plant fired twice at the crowd, rushed from his cover, and took to the open fields, pursued at a safe distance by the

After a time the officers began to close in on him. Plant saw that his capture was certain, so he put the muzzle of his revolver to his breast and fired. He was standing a few feet from the bank of Karkapol Creek, and after he fired he staggered toward it and plunged in. head foremost. He rose to the surface once, and as his head came up he cried out feebly :

"You never'll take me to the gallows," The officers dragged him from the water, but he breathed his last as they laid him on the bank. The bullet had passed just over the heart. In his pockets were found his revolver and the dirk, which stuck, all bloody, in its sheath.

Plant was a cripple, having a short, half-use less leg. His wife was a handsome young woman. Her parents live in the village.

SHOT HIS YOUNG WIFE. When His Mother Saw Her Dead She Fell

Lifeless at His Feet. SHAMOKIN, May 4 .- While visiting his father's home, William Kostetter to-day shot dead his young wife and caused the instant death of his mother in the little village of Stonington.

With a breech-loading gun he entered the room where his wife was sitting in a rocking chair. He stepped up behind her, took deliber-ate aim, and blew her head half off. Ate aim, and blew her hear haif off.

Kostetter's mather, who was just outside the door, ran into the house. As she saw what her son had done she threw up her hands and, uttering a loud cry, fell deal at his feet. Kostetter was a soler and industrious young man, having held several positions of trust in this city. He was taken to juit this afternoon. The Ceroner has impanelled a jury and will hold an inquest to-morrow. Kostetter has been suffering from grip for menths.

HANGED TO A SUITABLE TREE. Lynching Ends the Violent Career of Will

Bendy, the Texas Desperado. BEAUMONT, Tex., May 4. Judge Lynch has cut short the career of Will Bendy, who killed Philip Haines and mortally wounded Constable Bibbo, Ed. Rone, and Roxy Wall. On Saturday evening the report came that a posse had Bendy surrounded in the thicket about half a mile from Duena and that he was almost sure to be captured. Yesterday morning early a to be captured. Yesterday morning early a message was received that Bendy had left the threat and had sought refuge in the home of his brother-in-law. There the party found him. He was not quick enough in yielding and was shot. Although severely wounded, he began running. When about fifty yards away he gave in, and was led by the growd to the old trange and Jasper dirt road. Here a suitable tree was found and the rope adjusted. His body was riddled with builets and left hanging.

FELL DOWN AN ELEVATOR SHAFT. Smith Alighted on the Elevator Four

Stories Below-He Will Die. William Smith, a giazler, 35 years old, of 429 the tenth floor of the Wool Exchange building at West Broadway and Beach street through the freight elevator shaft to the top of the cie the freight elevator shaft to the top of the viewator, which was at the stath floor. He was removed to Huden Street Hospital so hadly injured that it is believed that he will die.

It is appeared that Smith was two king in the elavator shaft and left it to get out of the way of the elavator as it went up to the cleavator floor. After it descended at is thought that he tried to get back into the shaft and in a doing lost his balance. There is a wind I also doing floor, which is lowered automatically as the elevator leaves it.

Billed by a Train. Henjamin Jackson, a young colored man of

amaica. L. I., was killed last night at Atlantic and tirand avenues by a train of the Long Island Hallroad. island italiroad.

He was sitting on the platform at Grand avenue when an east-bound through train passed. He had intended to board a way train for Jamaica. His skull was fractured by the projecting platform of a car.

SILENCED BRITISH SNEERS. Gen, Patrick Collins Shows Some Genutue

Americanism to an English Andlence, cold Cable Descatch to Tax Box.

Loxpox, May 4.-Censul-General Collins, in the face of a rather impudent English audience at the inaugural banquet of the Hotel Cecil, tonight, displayed his genuine Americanism in a genuinely effective style. He had said something pleasant about President Cleveland's good will toward England in response to the toast to the President of the United States when there were some groans and ironical laughter. Gen. Collins stopped a moment and then exclaimed, in a voice which silenced all interrup-

"There is no antagonism between the United States and any well-meaning State on earth. If the rest of the world understood the United States as well as the United States understood the rest of the world there would never be any danger to peace between my country and other There was no more interruption and no more

sarcasm, but a burst of genuine applause

GIRL KILLED IN SIGHT OF HOME. Eisle Kreglo's Throat Cut in Broad Daylight Assassin Escapes.

WASHINGTON, May 4.-Elsie Kreglo, asixteen-

year-old daughter of Isaiah Kreglo, a farmer em-

ployed on the Klingle estate, in the northwestern suburbs of the city, went a short distance from her home about 3 o'clock this afternoon to graze some of the cattle belonging to the Soon a series of acreams startled the women of the family, who, with a small colored boy, ran

in the direction of the cries. The lad, reaching the scene first, found the girl on the border of the creek with her throat cut terribly. He caught a glimpse of a man running into the woods and picked up a revolver near by. There was every evidence of a struggle. The girl had been almost stripped of her garments. She appeared to be alive just before help reached her, but fell face downward into

PLAYED NEGRO AND WAS SHOT. He Meant Merely to Scare His Wife, but

the creek. The assassin is supposed to be a

She Found Protectors with Guns. CHARLOTTE, N. C., May 4.-James Springer of Caldwell station, this county, late on Saturday night blacked his face to frighten his wife. She saw him and fled to Dr. Caldwell's house. Her husband pursued her and was met at the gate by Dr. Caldwell and Mr. Whitley with shotguns. Both fired and both hit Springer. There is little hope of Springer's recovery.

CLARKS AND COATSES UNITE. Two Marriages Help to Bring Rival Firms

Together. The announcement was made vesterday by one of the officials of the Clark Thread Company of Newark and Kearny, N. J., and Paisley, Scotland, that the amaigamation with the J. P. Coats Company of Glasgow. Scotland, had been coats Company of Glasgow, Scotland, had been effected. W. Campbell Clark of Newark confirmed the announcement, but would not say what the united capitalization was nor how many hands the combined companies employed. The two mills of the Clark Thread Company in Newark and Kearny cuplos more than 3,000 men, women, boys, and girls. The Coats company has been the most important rival of the Clark company at home and abroad for many years, but the two families have been brought together recently by two marriages.

TOO MUCH MEDICINE, CROFT SATS. Inquiring What Became of All the Drugs Sent to Blackwell's Island.

The Board of Charities of this city has in hand an investigation to ascertain what has become of the large quantities of drugs and medical supplies which were dispensed last year from the general storeroom at Believue Hospital to the other institutions under the Board's care. Commissioner Croft, who has charge of the investigation, said yesterday that the amount of drugs drawn for Blackwell's Island was more than was needed there and that the inquiry was to determine whether the drugs had been wasted or stolen. The inquiry will probably be completed by the end of this will probably be completed by the end of this week.

MINING EXCHANGE "BUSTS Heavy Expenses, Boubtful Assets, and Im-

pending Judgments. Justice Truax of the Supreme Court has appointed Horatio W. Stocker receiver of the New York Mining Exchange of 35 and 37 Broadway, which was organized a few months ago. Directors C. V. Holman, William Brandreth, Horatio S.C. V. Holman, William Brandrein, Robots Stocker, Ellis Wooster, and W. L. Boyd sele the application on proceedings for the initiary dissolution of the company. They rite the causes to be heavy expenses, actions adding against the company on which ludgents are about to be recovered, and other acoust threatened. The itabilities are So, out, of hich \$3.541 are contested claims; nominal \$3.541 are contested claims; nominal

which \$3,541 are contested claims; nor assets, \$5,358, of which \$3,775 is doubtful. BROOKLYN'S STRANGE INVALID.

The King's Daughters Start a Fund for Mollie Fancher. The King's Daughters in Brooklyn propose to raise \$900 to pay off the tax arrears on the little home of Mollie Fancher, who has been a bedridden invalid for over twenty years, and whose case has received widespread attention from case has received widespread attention from time to time. Unless the arrears are cancelled the long and patient sufferer will have to be re-moved to some charitable institution, and this, it is said, cannot be done unless she is rendered completely unconscious by an anosthetic. Con-tributions to the fund may be sent to Mrs. Finna F. Pettingill, the President of the Brook-lyn order of the King's Daughters, at 26 Court street.

A 60-FOOT WHALE ASHORE. Grounded Near Lewes and Expected to

Produce 10,000 Gallous of Oil WASHINGTON, May 4. The life-saving keeper at Lewes, Del., reports a dead sperm whale ashere three miles north of that station. The whale's length is given as sixty feet, which makes it one of the largest of its species. It will produce about 200 barrels of oil, of firty gallons to the barrel. Prof. G. Browne Goode of the National Museum has sent I rol. True, essentive curator, to the scene. If the condition of the whole be satisfactory. True will have it stuffed and sent to the museum here.

ELECTRIC CARS ON THE BRIDGE. The Trustees Will Put Up the Plant and

Samply the Power. At a special meeting of the bridge trustees,

A TROLLEY COMPANY CENSURED. Brooklyn Cars Ron at High Speed and

The jury last eventur in the inquest on the death of threation Meland of the Rodney | panied to tion, Wille of Washington and Dr.

Mrs. Hopper \$6.750.

Payerson, May 4 In the Passale County Circ cuit Court to-day, in the case of Henry A. Hop-

RHODES ASKED TO RESIGN.

THE SOUTH APRICA CO. REQUEST HIM AND BEIT TO STEP OUR.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

Chamberlain Says Rhodes Had No Authors ity to Pledge that England Would Not

Interfere With the Jameson Baid-Robe

lason Washes His Hands of the Pick LONDON, May 4 .- The directors of the Brisish South Africa Company held a meeting today at which they discussed the connection of Cecil Rhodes and Mr. Beit, officers of the company, with the projected overthrow of the Transvaal Government. It was finally decided that Messrs. Rhodes and Belt should be

requested to resign. At the request of Mr. Labouchere, Mr. Chamberlain promised to lay upon the table of the House the Colonial Office records of communications which passed between 8th H. B. Leeh (now Lord Loch of Drylaw) while he was Governor of the Cape Colony, and cer-tain Englishmen in the Transvaal in regard to affording protection to the latter.

Mr. Chamberlain, replying to a question by T. G. Bowles, Conservative, said that the Government had no information that Mr. Cecil Rhodes had given his pledge that the imperial Government would not interfere to prevent Dr. Jameson's raid into the Transvaal. He had had no communication with Mr. Rhodes or any one else relative to the exercise of the imperial authority in the event of a raid.

Mr. Chamberlain then alluded to the suggestion which had been made, that the "Chairman" mentioned in the cipher despatches found among Dr. Jameson's effects when he was captured by the Boers, and recently published by the Transvaal authorities, was identical with Sir Hercules Robinson, Governor of the Cape Colony. In regard to this matter, he said, he had received a telegram from Sir Hercules Robinson in which he saids "Chairman" means Jamesen. I never received from any one, in sny shape, even a hind of what was about to take place, and was so completely kept in the dark that I never had the slightest suspicion of what was going on or intended.

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"The discovery on Dec. 30 that Jameson had entered the Transvaal came upon me like a thunderbolt from a blue sky. If there is any insimuation to the contrary I rely upon you to protect my character in my absence."

The reading of this telegram was received with cheers.

Mr. Chamberlain added: "I place implict confidence in Sir Hercules Robinson."

Jonkherr von Hosscherten, Under Secretary of State of the South African Herublic, has arrived here on a mission connected with the charges that the Transvaal has violated a provision of the Convention of 1884 forbidding the Transvaal to grant preferential rates to any power against British imports. He declines to express any opinion as to the sentences imposed upon the members of the Johannesburg Reform Committee by the High Court at Fretoria.

Care Town, May 4.—Sir Hercules Robinson.

hannesburg Reform Committee by the High Court at Preteria.

Carn Town, May 4.—Sir Hercules Robinson, Governor of Cape Colony and British High Commissioner in South Africa, has communicated to the press a series of telegrams arising from a complaint made on March 26 by the Transvaal Government that unrest had been caused among the burghers owing to the fact that British troops had been retained at Mafeking, on the Transvaal border, instead of proceeding to Rhodesia.

Gov. Robinson replied that the statement that troops were being concentrated at Mafeking.

trops were being concentrated at Mafeking was untrue. He explained the situation, adding that he had heard reports of hostile preparations being made by the burghers, but was confident of the peaceful intentions of the Transvall Government, and had therefore sought nexplanation.

Later Sir Jacobus de Wet, British Political Agent at Pretoria, telegraphed to Gov. Robinseline. Agent at Pretoria, telegraphed to Gov. Robinson to the effect that the presence of troops at Mafeking was causing much uneasiness among the Boers, who thought that an attack on the Transval was intended. Sir Jacobus proposed the appointment of a Joint Commission to as-

Transvaal was intended. Sir Jacobus proposed the appointment of a Joint Commission to ascertain the facts.

Gov. Robinson again denied the reports and sain he hoped Sir Jacobus would not send any forther preposterous proposals.

President Kritger then sent affidavits made by three burghers supporting the rumors, and allexing that 4,000 troops were on the Transvaal border, and that more were arriving. The affiants further declared that the northward movement of the troops toward Matabeleland had been stopped since the sentencing at Pretoria of the members of the Johannesburg Reform Committee.

Committee.
Gov. Robinson replied, disproving the statements made in the affidavits, and Sir Jacobus de Wet afterward apologized for the message he had sent. HERD OF BUFFALO FOR NEW YORK.

The Board of Park Commissioners Accepts Austin Corbin's Gift. The Park Commissioners yesterday accepted the offer of Austin Corbin to put a herd of buffalces into one of the parks north of the Harlem River, and approved the contract to that end prepared by Col. Cruger. The park was not designated, but it will probably be Van Cortlandt Park. According to the contract, Mr. Cor-bin will deliver thirty or forty buffaloes, The bin will deliver thirty or forty buffaloes. The Park Department will enclose a space of 150 acres for their accommodation, and will provide the necessary provender, reserving the right to put deer in the same enclosure. Mr. Corbin is to provide the attendants. Of the increase, if any, 25 per cent, is to become the property of the park. If any of the buffaloes die during their journey from Mr. Corbin's Vermont estate, where they now are the loss in he made and control of the property. any of the burnance during their lourney; i.

Mr. Corbin's Vermont estate, where they i

are, the loss is to be made good from the

crease. Nine months' notice of the cancella
of the contract must be given on either side. Mayor Strong's Commissioners of Accounts presented to him a report on the Park Department yesterday. They have been delying into the books of the department since the first of the year and say they haven from much. Mayor Strong will not make the report public

for several days. DYING OF A SKULL PRACTURE. Houliban Was Knocked Off a Coal Box by

William Houlihan of 502 West Fifty-fifth street, who worked at Brook & Son's Hmekiln. was dying in Roosevelt Hospital last night of a fracture of the base of the skull, which he got during the evening in a quarrel with one Pete Breen.

He was sitting on a coal box when the trouble with Breen occurred. His 7-year-old son described the assault in these words:

"Doy hit me fader on de nut an' knocked him offen de box." ffen de box."

Houlilian was carried into his house unconscious, and taken in that condition to the hossital later. The police were looking for Breen

Inderground Water in Walker Street, Laborers at work excavating the site for a new office building on the southwest corner of Centre and Walker streets discovered a "warm spring" yesterday afternoon in one corner of the lot. The excavation began a week ago, and At a special meeting of the bridge trustees, yesterday, it was decided that the bridge would supply its own electric powerfor the new motor cars. Thief Engineer Martin fixed the cost of the plant at \$60,300, and it will be provided as soon as possible. He also estimated that the expense per day of operating the electric cars would be only \$100,300, as the the hold of the Edison tompany called for \$100.71, and that of the Brooklyn Heights Company \$188.

A TROLLEY COMPANY CENSURED.

t'at, Lumont Pishing to Canada.

OTTAWA, Out., May 4. Cal. Daniel S. Lamont. Secretary of War of the United States, accome Brank of New York, arrived here this morning, Rothey street and breadway, Broadly, and left with J. J. Roman J. thiawa at once any prought in a verifier charging the ration of a ration of the Gainean Valley Rational Fand for Pulsaring the car of a high-rate of speed and not providing a suitable fedder. The lary exponented Meterman Englishes and Conductor William Elisson.

A Paterson Troller Company to Pay to

GETTYSICHE, May a. The Commission of New

York State Veterana and mombers of Legislature, healted by then, Sokres and then, Wahle, tain ber and his mide, Arine, against the Paterson Railway commany the jury brought in a verific awarding 20.750 to the plaintiffs. The suit was train train train the best of the blaintiffs. The suit was train by Mrs. Hopser, who had been thrown from her wagen and severely injured by a collision with an electric car.

Tigers. The statue will cost \$10,000.